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TITLE: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR  
NETWORKED LOYALTY  
PROGRAM Examiner: TBA

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am an original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

**SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR EVALUATING WORK PRODUCT**

the specification of which:

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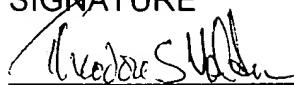
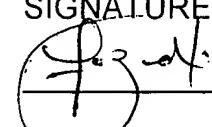
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